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Shelley King crouches in the hollow of an ancient yellow birch that is over 300 years old.  
 See story on page 3. Photo by Erin Lynch.

## Taxes to rise 2 percent in Algonquin Highlands

By Will Jones

Passing a resolution to adopt the estimates for expenditures and revenue for 2012, Algonquin Highlands Council has set a tax rate which will see property taxes rise by about 2 percent, on average.

Treasurer Tammy McKelvey said, "The total tax rate is going down by 4.82 percent. However, the amount that residents will be asked to pay depends upon the assessment [increase], which could be as low as 2 percent or as high as 10 percent. That said, the average residential assessment increase is 7.5 percent and so the actual increase in tax paid on this would be 2.3 percent."

At the April 5 meeting, Council outlined the highlights of its 2012 budget – the areas in which taxpayers' dollars are going to be spent. A full list of actions can be viewed on the municipality's website ([www.algoquinhighlands.ca](http://www.algoquinhighlands.ca)). Some of the notable items include: the recruitment of a part time

administrative staff member for the Fire Services department; maintenance to the Stanhope Firefighters' Community Centre; a 6.2 percent increase in OPP costs over 2011; reconstruction and surface treatment of numerous local roads; a new concrete ramp for Troutspaw Lake access point; new hockey nets for Stanhope Gardens; the development of a cultural plan and municipal strategic plan; the purchase of canoes for the water trails; the continuation of various recreation activities including the soccer and swim programs; the purchase of concrete blocks to expand retaining walls at the Maple Lake and Oxtongue landfills; replacing the tractor, blower and roadside mower and purchasing a new plow for the F450 at the Stanhope yard.

Council also passed a resolution changing the due date for payment of taxes for non-capped property classes. It will now be in two instalments, due on July 27, 2012 and September 21, 2012, respectively.

## Three-year-old Hamilton boy dies in ATV accident

Special to The Highlander  
**Steve Arnold** The Hamilton Spectator

A weekend ride on an ATV with dad turned tragic on Saturday, April 7 for a three-year-old Hamilton child.

Hunter Goemans, a grandson of Goemans Appliances founder Tony Goemans, died when the vehicle he was riding with his father, Jason, struck a chain that had been strung between two trees on a back road in the Kennisis Lake area of Haliburton County.

"They came up over a hill and there was a chain between two trees that wasn't marked or flagged," said Jeff Goemans, Hunter's uncle. "That's what happened."

The family was spending the Easter weekend at the cottage on the south shore of Lake Kennisis, north of West Guilford in Haliburton County.

OPP Const. Sandy Adams, of the Haliburton Highlands detachment, said the accident happened on Lipsy Lake Rd. near the family's cottage. The unassumed road is not maintained by the municipality, but it was not immediately clear if the accident happened on private property. It is not one of the area's usual ATV trails.

Adams said the official details being released now are that the ATV was being operated "by a family member" of the

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## Haliburton's first Doc(k) Day film festival

May 5 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion

Submitted by Roberta Coles

Those Other Movies presents Haliburton's first documentary film festival - Doc(k) Day on Saturday, May 5 at the Northern Lights Pavilion in Haliburton Village. Doc(k) Day, a one-day film festival, includes four outstanding feature length documentary films, great short film presentations, informative film industry guests and more.

The event starts at 10 am with the screening of *Pink Ribbons Inc.*, a controversial film that investigates how the growing "corporatization" of breast cancer research and media campaigns has affected both the charities and the type of research being done. Through interviews with activists, authors and breast cancer patients, the film exposes disturbing problems with corporations whose Pink Ribbons participation has done more for their companies' bottom line than for the cause.

The next film, *West Wind: The Vision of Tom Thomson*, starts at 1 pm. Shot in Algonquin Park, Georgian Bay, Seattle and Toronto, this documentary explores the mysteries surrounding the life and untimely death of the great Canadian art icon Tom Thomson. Co-directors Peter Raymont and Michèle Hozer have captured stunning

images of Thomson's work and the rugged landscape of Georgian Bay and Algonquin Park, the places that he immortalized in his paintings. Other intriguing images include commercial art and (non-landscape) sketches by Thomson and his contemporaries, archival film and never-before-seen paintings. Special guest Nancy Lang, researcher and one of the film's producers, will be available after the film for questions. This film is for anyone who loves art, history and nature.

The award-winning film, *The Guantanamo Trap*, scheduled at 3 pm., presents four very different stories of people whose association with the U.S. detention centre at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, dramatically changed their lives. If you care about justice and democracy, come and see why "no one escapes Guantanamo unscathed." The film's director, Emmy and Gemini award winner Thomas Wallner, will be at the event to provide his fascinating insights.

At 7 pm the film *Labour of Love* follows Canadian ultra cyclist Caroline van den Bulk, a 40-something woman from Huntsville, Ont., as she races to become the first Canadian woman to finish the *Race Across America*, the world's hardest endurance race. Virginia will also be at the event to answer questions about her film and about the infamous Race Across America. Before *Labour of Love*, there will be a screening of the documentary *Anne Fowler: A Profile in Caring*, a short film about Haliburton native Anne Fowler's philanthropic work helping the poor in

Honduras and other Central American countries.

In addition to Doc(k) Day's feature films and industry guests, there will also be a number of short film screenings. Organizers hope that there will be plenty of group discussion and community participation at the festival. Proceeds from the event will go to the Stephen Lewis Foundation's AIDS relief work in Africa.

"*Those Other Movies* has wanted to do a documentary film festival for quite some time. People have told us that they really enjoyed the docs that we've screened at the *Those Other Movies* film series and at the Haliburton International Film Festival (HIFF).

We believe that our Haliburton audience will enjoy the films that we've selected. We think there is something for everyone and really hope people come out and see them all," said Roberta Coles, committee member of *Those Other Movies*, HIFF and Doc(k) Day.

*Those Other Movies* and the HIFF, in partnership with Film Circuit and TIFF, has screened well over 100 quality films in Haliburton since 2006. A non-profit organization, *Those Other Movies* is run entirely by volunteers, purely for the love of film.

For more information about Doc(k) Day and *Those Other Movies* of HIFF, visit the *Those Other Movies* website [www.haliburton-movies.com](http://www.haliburton-movies.com); email [www.roberta@first-page-seo.com](mailto:www.roberta@first-page-seo.com); or call Marci 705-286-4659 or Peggy 705-286-3226.

## Same store, new face

By Douglas Pugh

Situated right in the centre of Haliburton's main thoroughfare, Highland St., Foodland is one of the two thriving grocery stores that keep the town and the surrounding area supplied with a lot of their foodstuffs. Recent visitors for the last week or so will have seen the iconic 'dome' above the store removed along with a whole lot of cladding and support steelwork.

"The store is over 10 years old, and that was what they called the 'Market Garden' style of store," said owner Brad Park. "Now we're combining not only a refurbishment to align the store with the other franchises, but we're also making a few improvements to the facilities at the same time."

Along with a new oven for the bakery and improved lighting, the store will see an expansion to its delicatessen area and fresh produce.

"The work is done primarily at night to minimize any disruption to customers, and we've planned to complete everything by the long weekend in May. Foodland is still Foodland, we're just improving the place," said Park.



The accident occurred on an unassumed portion of Lipsy Lake Drive The investigation continues. Photo by Mark Arike.

## Father and son hit chain strung across road

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child and "struck something that had been suspended across the road."

The family member suffered "non-life-threatening injuries" in the accident.

"Speed does not seem to be a factor here and alcohol is not a factor," she said.

Further details await the result of an accident reconstruction team's work, "and these things usually take a couple of days."

"Something like this is a real tragedy," she added. "You just feel so sick for the family here."

Jeff Goemans was worried the wording on an early OPP news release on the tragedy might have created a wrong impression of the event when it concluded with the words "the

investigation into this collision is ongoing."

"Jason is not being investigated here, he wasn't drinking and he wasn't driving recklessly," he said. "We don't want him to read it like that."

His nephew "was a good boy, but then all three-year-olds are good boys."

Police say the crash occurred around 4:30 p.m. Saturday. Hunter was taken by ambulance to Haliburton Highlands Health Services but died of his injuries.

Ross Cook, of the Haliburton ATV Association, said provincial law requires drivers and passengers of off-road vehicles to wear approved motorcycle helmets. In addition, passengers are not permitted on ATVs

when they're driven on a road and two-seat ATVs are similarly prohibited on roads.

*The Spectator* was not able to ascertain if the boy or his father were wearing helmets at the time of the crash.

In addition to his parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, Goemans is survived by an older sister.

The Goemans appliance chain was started by Tony Goemans in 1974. He was later joined by his three sons Jeff, Jason and Brad. The company now has locations in Stoney Creek, St. Catharines, Mississauga, Kitchener, London and Burlington.

The company is one of the largest independent appliance retailers in the country.

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Hikers travel through crops of wild leeks. Photo by Erin Lynch.

## A forest trek Walkers take advantage of free tour

By Erin Lynch

On Easter Monday, a group of 12 outdoor enthusiasts joined Greenmantle Farm and Yours Outdoors for a free walking tour entitled *In Search of Old Growth Forest*. Led by Mark Bramham the group began on his property off the Essonville Line.

Travelling through a managed forest that has been in preparation since 1984 for a maple syrup operation, the vigorous walk took

participants through old pines and crops of wild leeks to an old oak stand on crown land. Sadly, the forest is scheduled to be logged in the period of 2016 to 2021.

The climax of the walk was reaching an ancient yellow birch hollow, which is over 300 years old. Hikers were able to stand up and look at the sky through this living tree.

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# Editorial opinion

Stephen Patrick is off this week.



By Bram Lebo

## Taxing times

The poet TS Eliot was onto something when he said April is the cruellest month. It's not just that April is the cold, blustery dead zone between the cosiness of winter fires and the warm sunshine of summer; though this year, with July poking its nose into March, we're even more conscious than usual that these extra few weeks of grey and sleet really are a supreme annoyance. No, April is cruel because of something far more predictable than the weather: it's tax time.

Though it may be too much to ask that we be cheerful in paying our taxes, good citizens should generally have nothing against the broad concept of doing so. Taxes are, after all, part of the social contract, that agreement we implicitly make to provide each other with services and institutions on behalf of all of us, instead of having each person for him or herself alone. Taxes educate our children to high, global standards; provide healthcare; and are used to promote the country's interests abroad through diplomacy and our military.

But contracts have at least two parties, and in order for taxpayers to feel justified in their annual tributes, for them to continue believing in the social contract, the other parties — governments — must meet one relatively simple (you would think) condition: tax revenues must be spent wisely.

Unfortunately, this condition is all-too-often not met by either of our provincial or national governments. Government waste is nothing new, but in the context of rising public debt and slashed spending, it takes on more disturbing proportions. Telling people they'll have to work an extra two years to receive a payment that might cover the rent (on a garage, without heat) is hard to accept when we see tax revenues being shovelled into one black hole after another; in fact, it's galling.

It's little comfort that the waste is non-partisan. Provincially, our Liberal government has learned absolutely nothing from the e-Health scandal and now claims, to paraphrase Bob Rae's criticism of the federal Conservatives, that they were just playing the piano in the brothel that was Ornge and knew nothing of the goings on upstairs. Ornge is the non-profit company set up to deliver emergency air ambulance services and which, in plain sight of the premier and health minister, set up for-profit companies that seemed to benefit mostly its executives and directors. That same health minister, Deb Matthews, said she had no control over Ornge and that's why many red flags (and missing funds) went unnoticed, why the shenanigans could not be stopped. That is, until she exercised exactly that control and fired the board and management.

Federally, you may recall that during last year's election, anyone who dared question the price of F-35 fighter jets was accused by the Conservatives of not supporting our military, of playing politics with national defence. We were told that the budget officer had it wrong, except he didn't. Now, Peter MacKay, minister of defence, wants us to believe the \$15 billion dollar gap is a mere difference in accounting methods. Try that on your tax return.

What these issues have in common — aside from a propensity for governments at all levels to spend ridiculous sums on flying machines — is a profound lack of accountability. No one has apologized to taxpayers for these abuses. It's as if our labour — that earned the money that paid our taxes that bought the helicopters and will buy the jets — is worthless, gratuitous, not worthy of recognition. Shame and contrition are in alarmingly short supply.

Then there is the question of fairness. How do you explain giving millions of taxpayer dollars to Caterpillar, with no strings attached, only to stand by as they throw hundreds out of work? Or the millions in tax credits given to other global companies who often fail to fulfill their part of the bargain? It sometimes feels as if we're handing over large portions of our incomes to chronic spendthrifts, gamblers and fools.

And yet, we have little choice. Like Charlie Brown, Lucy and the football, each time we believe it's going to be different. Yes, this time, this group of politicians will clean up Queens Park, clear out the rot in Ottawa. Except it only seems to get worse.

Despite that, we should take heart. Ontario still has excellent health and education systems. Though our finances may be straining at the moment; our country is in relatively good shape with bright prospects. However, just a little acknowledgement from our leaders as to who they work for, some basic recognition that the money they spend was earned by the hard work of actual people, would make the paying of taxes to support our institutions a little easier to take. April may be cruel, but it could still be decent and forthright.

## CAP gets the cut Library internet service under threat

By Douglas Pugh, Guest Columnist

There are lies, damned lies and statistics — so says a quote popularized by Mark Twain and attributed to various originators. Statistics can illuminate many things but unfortunately they don't always spell the full tale.

Industry Canada, using statistics, have decided that as part of their spending cuts, the Community Access Program (CAP) has run its course and is no longer needed. This is the program that for 15 years has put computers with high-speed internet access into the libraries around the county.

While we may be used to hearing the calls of the dial-up modem warbler around our lakes and seasonal residences — often followed by muffled expletives at the slow loading speeds at the cottage — lousy internet access is a regular thing around the county. Full-time residents of the area will tell you of their varying fortunes with sticks and satellites and half a dozen other tried technologies. It's frustrating and limiting.

According to the director of communications for Industry Canada (who was quoted in a recent article posted by CBC News Calgary), Margaux Stastny said: "The vast majority of Canadians are now connected to the internet at home, while many more have access through their mobile devices."

Now, we can guess that down in Toronto there aren't too many folks boating out to the middle of a lake and waving their cell phone around looking in vain for a signal. Programs such as CAP assist rural areas far more than urban centres.

"Schools, libraries and not-for-profit learning organizations will continue to benefit from other federal initiatives such as the Computers for Schools Program," states Stastny. She adds that the government is also improving Canada's internet infrastructure.

That sounds like a whole lot of 'Don't worry, we're pulling out, but somebody, somewhere will cover it.'

According to statistics, 79 percent of Canadians have an internet connection. Many of those that don't have a connection can neither afford it nor have the requisite skills. The quoted statistics say nothing about the quality of the connection or the speed of the service.

On the other hand, when you call one of the Federal agencies about a problem, what's the likelihood that they'll tell you to 'Just take a look at our website', which if you're on a dial-up modem, you had better not make any plans for the day if there's more than one page to navigate through.

"I'm waiting for advice from the county," says chief librarian Bessie Sullivan. "They've cut this program before but reinstated it after a lot of protests. I'm optimistic that they'll reinstate it this time, too. We're also waiting for answers from our local MP, Barry Devolin. I believe that there are a lot of angry people out there."

Lisa Setlakwe, a director general with Industry Canada, stated in an email sent overnight on Thursday, Apr 5 to CAP stakeholders, "In these challenging fiscal times, the government remains committed to prioritizing expenditures and returning to a balanced budget."

Yet, strangely, the sister scheme to CAP, CAP YI (Youth Internship), is intended to continue, giving seasonal work for youngsters in encouraging and helping people to use the internet services provided. Without the internet services though, what are the kids on this side of the CAP program going to do? Industry Canada hasn't supplied an answer for that one.

Haliburton's Eric Lilius was instrumental in setting up and operating CAP until a few years ago.

"It was always run tightly to budget, but the county kept it going. Trouble is that the county is cutting back too," says Lilius.

As Setlakwe wrote, the program was intended to "provide Canadians with access to the internet and its economic benefits." She considers those terms met in full and the program complete.

One statistic that is telling from the StatsCan 2010 Internet Use Survey is that only 54 percent of low-income households (below \$30,000 per annum) have the internet. Given Haliburton County's current economic status as the low-income centre of Ontario, perhaps we need some of that protest action to make ourselves heard before they pull the public access wire out.

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## Letters to the Editor

### A decision we can be proud of

Dear Editor:

We can be proud of our municipal councilors for holding the line on salary increases for 2012. They have shown a wonderful example of solidarity with Dysart residents, who also have to tighten their belts during an economic downturn, which affects the whole world.

By working together, it will be easier to live through it.

**L. Dobrzensky**  
Haliburton

# Letters to the Editor

## Why not?

Dear Editor:

- 1) Ontario energy bills are estimated to rise 3.17c per kWh by 2016 or \$319 annually per household due to wind and solar generation.
- 2) We have large reserves of natural gas that can be used for power generation, at a comparable cost and far cleaner than coal. This process was started in 2004 and Ontario Power Authority procured over 7,000 megawatts of natural gas-fired generation, most of which is now in service.
- 3) We are presently over-generating and exporting electricity, unfortunately at under 2c per kWh, which is estimated to rise to almost 3c per kWh in the next five years. However, Ontario is buying ‘green power’ at 13.5 and 44.3c per kWh with even more to come online in the coming years. Whoopee! Who was the bright bulb that thought of that one? And guess who is paying for the shortfall?
- Incidentally, the average price we are paying (peak, mid-peak and off-peak) is 8.1c per kWh. Don’t you wish you could get some of that 2c electricity?
- 4) This is totally outrageous! In more enlightened times our dishonorable Premier would have been taken outside the city gates and hung, drawn and quartered. I personally feel this course of action may be extreme, however, a good case for bringing back the Pillory and Stocks can certainly be made, which would enable the taxpayers of this province the opportunity to make good use of any rotten eggs or tomatoes they might have in their possession.

Peter Epps  
Haliburton

## Thumbs up for Tim Hortons

Dear Editor:

I am so happy [that Tim Hortons is coming to Haliburton], as I have travelled to Minden to get my Tims. It will do very well in Haliburton. As a cottage owner and soon-to-be retiree, I plan on working part-time there. I hope all the people will realize it is needed to give the town a boost and have a meeting place. I most certainly agree with them coming.

Sharon Kennedy-Gray  
Barrie

## The Outsider — An uplifting experience

To be frank, and I feel I can do that with you folks now as we seem to get along OK, I’m quite disappointed at the lack of development in Haliburton, Minden, Harcourt, Lochlin, Dorset... everywhere in Haliburton County, in fact.

I’m hankering for some high-rise, moaning for more condos, yearning for a breakout of big-box building. Aren’t you? Just imagine our sleepy neighbourhoods riddled with construction sites, rife with building projects, heaving with all kinds of heavy equipment, from pile drivers and excavators to dump trucks, skid steers and tower cranes. Oh the joy of it all!

OK, if truth be known this is not my ideal view of Haliburton County, but for a certain person in my household there could be nothing better. You see, Little Z has returned from his trip to England with an infatuation for cranes, tower cranes to be precise. London was a building site buff’s delight in its preparation for the Olympics, with a tower crane looming from almost every street corner, or so it seemed. Z loved every minute of it, but now he’s most annoyed that there aren’t any such sights or sites in Canada (his pronouncement, not mine. Made, following him sleeping from the airport parking lot right until Norland on our return).

Like any young lad, Z has had a fascination with tractors, trucks and diggers since almost before he could crawl. They are now his abiding passion and woe-betide anyone who doesn’t know the difference between a backhoe loader and a skid steer.

He is also an authority on the whereabouts of most such heavy equipment in the area. Did you know that there’s a house with a backhoe loader parked in the driveway at the

## Give the new clerk a chance

Dear Editor:

Pity the newspaper for the last year and a half that prints letter after letter of negative comments about the current council. Pity the same people who write in week after week seeking to drag down work that council is doing and what they have accomplished. Pity someone who would write about the cost of a headhunter without ever experiencing the work that was accomplished by using this service.

What a great welcome to the new chief clerk when she arrives to pick up the paper and right off the bat sees welcoming letters encouraging her to do a good job. Pity we couldn’t wait to see if she can do the job before we beat her up. Pity nobody comments on the work this council is doing to balance the budget, or the fact that a new collective agreement was reached with the town employees without disruption – both sides working together for the good of Minden.

Pity that the job posting process did not provide qualified citizens to fill the jobs in question. But are these individuals really saying that qualified people were deliberately passed over to enjoy spending money on a head hunter? The whole process was open, accountable, scrutinized and certainly reported and still we see fit to beat up council again without

## Environmental treason

Dear Editor:

My *Collins Canadian English Dictionary* defines conservation (as in conservative) as “Protection of natural resources and the environment.”

As an octogenarian, I have seen many changes in my life, but I am in a state of total disbelief at the gutting of environmental protection in your latest budget.

As a totally non-partisan Canadian nationalist, I propose the following private member’s bill: Be it resolved that a new section be added to the Canadian Criminal Code: Environmental Treason.

Upon conviction this charge must carry a minimum penalty of 20 years to life. This sentence is to be served in a prison to be built downstream of the Canadian oil sands development

ever seeing the results.

Pity no one is writing to the paper to say the amount of times this Reeve and council members have helped out at fundraisers, helped the various charities by digging in when the help is needed. Pity nobody notices when they show up at all public functions with their own money to buy dinner tickets, raffle tickets, sponsor runners, make speeches and introductions on their own time. Pity nobody noticed that it was the hard work of this council working together to bring the snowmobile trail together this winter or that this same Reeve can be seen many times showing prospective investors around Minden, extolling the virtues of our community on her own nickel. Pity nobody noticed when she worked so hard to bring more medical care into our community. Pity nobody is writing about the fact that the funds have been raised for the pool survey.

Lastly, isn’t it a pity that no one notices that this council seems to have come together and are making decisions together for the good of the taxpayers.

Pity that the campaigning has already started for the next election by the same people, week after week.

Annette Richardson  
Minden

on the Athabaska River. This prison is exclusively for convicts convicted under this new Criminal Code section.

All water requirements (food, cleaning, etc.) for the prison inmates are to be taken directly from the Athabaska River. All fish needed for a healthy diet are to be caught in the Athabaska River. Prisoners are encouraged to swim in the river for recreation.

Staff for this facility are to consist of members of parliament who have voted yes to this budget. To be served during the time parliament is not in session. MPs are encouraged to bring their families. Moving costs are tax-deductible.

Karl Braeker  
Minden

time watching the construction teams, especially if they are digging a large hole. I don’t know what he thinks they might find, but Z just will not let me leave until they are done. In fact, we grew so familiar with the driver of the skid steer during the first tranche of work last fall that he would wiggle his bucket in greeting to Little Z each time he saw us.

And then, once in a while there is a crane to see. I love the Granite Cove development specifically for that reason. A concrete pour or roof trusses being lifted into place; these are truly exciting events to Little Z.

“A CRANE, A CRANE DADDY, A CRANE!” will be the cry as we drive into the village. And at that moment I know our quick trip into Haliburton has been extended by at least an hour.

So, here’s my predicament. I have to keep telling him that there are “no cranes today.” Little Z is starting to wonder about the powers of his Dad. He’s beginning to think I’m not the greatest ever, the bringer of all things brilliant. He’s beginning to, dare I say it, doubt me!

And so, for my son’s upcoming birthday surprise, does anyone know where I can hire a crane for a day? It needs to be about 300 feet tall, manually erectable in about 20 minutes (so as not to lose his attention) and cost no more than \$50 for the week. Suggestions to [howtogethigh@areyoucrazy.com](mailto:howtogethigh@areyoucrazy.com).



By Will Jones



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## Waverley Brook Farm turns 100

By Will Jones

As I sit in the living room of Waverley Brook farmhouse, looking out of the picture window to the meadows and bush beyond, it is easy to see why in 1912 a Toronto butcher and his wife decided to move from the city to make it their home.

The fact is, however, that there was more to Samuel Walter Tyler's escape from the city than a yearning for the country life. A chronic asthma sufferer, he had been told by his doctor to move to the clean air of Haliburton County in the hope that it might prolong his life. And so, in the spring of 1912, Samuel and his wife Rosa purchased three 100-acre parcels of land – lots 6, 7 and 8 of Dysart Township – and named their property Waverley Brook Farm.

On April 21, between 1 and 4 pm, Waverley Brook Farm will be holding an open house to celebrate its century in the Tyler family. The family bids everyone welcome to come and enjoy their heritage for a day.

### Making memories

Today, a hundred years on, the farm is still a working concern; Samuel's great grandson Godfrey now owns and tills the



Three generations on one tractor: Godfrey, Sam, Charlie, and Beulah Tyler. Photo submitted.

land. A big man, known to speak his mind, Godfrey smiles when recounting stories of his ancestors. He chuckles at the irony of the farm purchase being put into his great grandmother's name, "because it was thought Samuel might only have had a year to live," when in fact, his great grandfather lived for another 39 years, dying in 1951,

while Rosa passed away in 1923.

"The Haliburton air sure did him some good!" laughs Godfrey.

Godfrey then points out the door to his office: the same door that used to swing on the entrance to his great grandfather's butcher shop on Yonge Street. The farm is full of such memories, be they artifacts like the door or living monuments like the row of apple trees that grow at the end of some of the farm's fields.

"When the men of the family worked the fields, they would carry an apple in their pocket," explains Godfrey. "They'd get to the end of the row and stop to eat it, then throw it onto the ground."

"We're pruning these trees that our family accidentally planted to keep their memory alive, and in the hope that we can revive some of these heritage apple varieties."

After buying the property, which had been built by the Canadian Land and Immigration Company as a demonstration farm, Godfrey's great grandfather worked the land in spite of his asthma. The farm had a small dairy. Milk and cream were sold in the village and to the resorts on Lake Kashagawigamog; firewood was cut and sold, while livestock, fruit and vegetables were grown to make the family self-sufficient.

As Samuel got older, he shared the work of the farm with Godfrey's grandfather, Randolph (Dolph) Tyler and his British war bride, Olive. However, Dolph subsequently went to work on the railroad, taking Olive and his four children with him. Samuel remained on the farm.

The Great Depression was felt keenly in all parts of North America. While the railroads sustained many working men, when rail lay offs happened, Dolph and other members of the extended Tyler family came back to the rural haven of the farm.

"They helped cut firewood, which was shipped to Belleville and Hamilton on the train," explains Godfrey. "And everyone helped out during syrup season." Maple syrup and farm eggs were exported south via the railway.

"They could hear the train whistles from the farm and so the engineer would pipe-up when he had a passenger who was coming to visit," says Godfrey. "It was kind of neat because they told stories of how they would be at Gould's Crossing station, waiting when visitors arrived."

### A hard life

Godfrey's father Charlie, who died in 2011, had lived on the farm for his entire life, discounting spells when he worked away. "My dad saw a lot of change during his life," says Godfrey. "He used scythes with cradles to harvest grain when he started out and before the end of his days he had ridden in a computer-controlled combine with GPS navigation system."

Charlie, who began farming in 1937, didn't benefit from labour-saving devices such as the combine, though, and following the Second World War, Haliburton's clutch of small farmers found it more and more difficult to make ends meet.

"Haliburton County's rugged country doesn't allow farms to become big, but North America wanted farming on an industrial scale," explains Godfrey. "We got squeezed out of the dairy industry, and with refrigeration and the improving transport system, food could be shipped quicker and further, too, so putting more pressure on small farms like ours."

In the late 1950s, Charlie realized that he'd have to take a job off the farm if he wanted it to survive. The land was rented out for grazing in the 1960s to Sinc Nesbitt (of Minden Community Centre fame) and Charlie moved his family out to New Brunswick, where he managed a veneer mill.

Godfrey was born in Minden just a few months before the move.

The farm's pasture was rented out for over 20 years. However, throughout this time, the Tyler family always worked

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## Open house on April 21 with the Tyler family

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the sugar bush. In fact, syrup-making has been part of the Tyler heritage for 91 years, almost as long as the farm has existed.

“My dad and uncle Ron kept the sugar shack going no matter what,” says Godfrey. “Uncle Ron owned the Haliburton Air Service. Before pipelines, he used to get the neighbors and air crews to help out when the planes were grounded due to spring ice break-up.”

### More than a job

Godfrey bought the farm in 1985. The parcels of land had previously been divided up in the family, but he bought back all of the land to consolidate ownership of the historic farm.

“We scraped through in those first years, just being self sufficient,” he says. “We grew our own food, cut firewood and made syrup, of course.”

Godfrey took a job off the farm to ensure an income and then set about planning the revival of Waverley Brook. The infrastructure – farm buildings and fences – was badly in need of repair and it would be a long, hard slog to bring it back to its prime. Being the main cash crop at the time, maple syrup came first and a new syrup shack was built in 1993.

Godfrey met Jean in 1994. From Michigan, she was a speaker at a conference about community shared agriculture (CSA). Meeting her at the conference, Godfrey



Waverley Brook Farmhouse in the 1950s.

“kept her here” and she gave new impetus to Waverley Brook by starting the county’s first CSA vegetable basket scheme. This provided income for six months of the year, while firewood and syrup made up the remainder.

Today, Godfrey, Jean and their two children, Sam and Joanie, live on the farm.

“There’s still a lot of work to do,” smiles Godfrey, “but then again there always will be. We’ve just built the hay barn, using timber harvested from spruce trees that my grandfather planted. Next, we have to rebuild many of the old fences...”

Godfrey’s voice trails off as he gazes out of the picture window. In his face you can see a weariness as he considers the constant effort required to run Waverley Brook and ensure he’ll be able to pass it on to his children. But in his eyes there’s still a sparkle, a wonderment at this living heritage: this old farm that has sustained his family for an entire century.



Samuel Walter Tyler in his winter coat (circa 1930).  
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# Highlander arts

## One month of activity for arts website

Artists and supporters celebrate with stats and a few sales

By Mark Arike

In the month that it has been up and running, the Highlands' newest online marketplace, MadeInHaliburton.ca, has received over 1,500 unique hits and sold five items – one of which was purchased by a buyer in Hong Kong.

Those facts and figures were revealed during a special launch party hosted by the owners of the website, Don and Marie Gage. The April 5 event, held at The Art Hive, saw approximately 50 people gather, many of whom were artist-members of the site. Local dignitaries like Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt and Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid also attended.

"We have 312 products on this site [as of today]," said Don in his opening remarks.

Products on the site have been placed into categories which include art for the table, art for the body, art for the wall and art for the senses.

A total of 40 artists and arts organizations have signed up to the site since it went live at the beginning of March.

Don and Marie, a husband and wife team, said they decided to throw the idea of an online marketplace around when they noticed a growing trend in online purchases.

"This idea started percolating in our heads almost two years ago," explained Marie. "It was an idea that wouldn't go away."

The website owners, who call themselves art appreciators, decided to approach several individuals and organizations to see whether or not their idea would fly.

They first sat down for a chat with consultant Jim Blake. Then it was on to the Arts Council~Haliburton Highlands and local business people such as Janis Parker.

They came across a few barriers, but one by one those barriers were removed, said Marie.

Parker, who owns a local printing company, offered to take care of the shipping of art as sales were made. To help develop the site, the Arts Council's coordinator, Donna Gagnon, applied for a grant from the Ministry of Tourism and Culture and was successful in obtaining over \$47,000.

Local writer Doug Pugh was contracted to interview participating artists and produce 12 feature articles for the site and for social and print media. Members of The Art Hive also became involved and will host four MadeInHaliburton exhibits – the first of which was revealed during the April 5 launch party.

A steering committee was then formed by the not-for-profit Arts Council, which had entered into a partnership with the Gages.

"We met every week for several months, and they weren't short meetings in many cases," said Marie.

"We really feel it's taken a community to



Carole Finn chats with Arts Council board member Shelley Beach. Photo by Mark Arike.

raise this website. If it weren't for all of the partnerships, it wouldn't have happened the way it has. It's very gratifying."

"It's been a wonderful journey," said Chris Lynd, chair of the Arts Council and steering committee member.

"We [the committee] knew that this was a good idea as soon as we heard about it," said Lynd, adding that the website is a complement to the studios, galleries and studio tours that can already be found in the Highlands.

Lynd said that the MadeInHaliburton concept was one that the Arts Council board supported because it fell in line with the organization's mandate.

"The Arts Council was formed to promote and advocate for artists in this community," she said.

Don and Marie said that in addition to running the site, an emphasis will be placed on marketing initiatives.

"It will be a slow and gradual process. Don't expect hundreds of sales overnight," said Marie. "There's a lot of competition on the web and we need time to build the reputation of the site and traffic."

A similar event to Wednesday's invite-only party was open to the public on Saturday of that same week.

The current exhibition will remain on display at The Art Hive until April 22.



By Victoria Ward

## The thinking of the Titanic

When I moved to the county over a decade ago, my log cabin bore a small engraving of its age. It was originally built in April 1912. The date struck me as significant; at the very same time my little cabin was being built, one of the most famous peacetime disasters in history was being played out in the North Atlantic. That April was the month when the legendary passenger vessel, the Titanic, sunk, sealing the fate of over a thousand people.

The story of the Titanic has personal resonance for me. When I was a kid we had a book that had illustrations and graphic stories written only months after the actual event. It was a family heirloom of sorts. I spent many a night with a flashlight looking through the pages of that book, feeling the chill of a disaster that was both mythic and epic in its stature and legend.

Since I spent most of my summers as a youngster on the shores of Lake Simcoe, boating and water were benign to me and a disaster like the Titanic seemed unimaginable. Because of this or in spite of it, I became a kind of Titanic-phile and was always interested in the various attempts of divers and submarines at trying to get to the Titanic site to view its resting place.

I saw the 1990 documentary *Titanica* at the Ontario Place IMAX theatre, way back in a time when such movies were very unusual events. The image of the coral-coated bow suspended in unearthly time is one of my favourite images of the 20th century. I remember gasping at the six-storey

photograph of the Titanic and thinking that suddenly the people who perished on it were real. Up until then it only happened in my book.

My grandmother would occasionally discuss how much more myth there was to the story than fact. "Women and children first. I don't think so," she huffed.

The deaths of those unlucky to be in steerage were perhaps a precursor to the class-conscious thinker I am.

This year marks the centennial of the sinking of the Titanic and events are taking place in Halifax, where most of the rescued bodies are buried, and the ports in England and Ireland where the Titanic was built and launched.

There has been a lot of art inspired by the Titanic. Filmmaker James Cameron's Hollywood version of the story is the most famous. However, some lesser-known works have also added to the iconography.

My favourite inspired work is still Gavin Bryars's *The Sinking of the Titanic* from 1995. It is a brilliant, moody piece of modern composition that has a somber and surprisingly hopeful impact. Bryars is a British composer best known for the work *Jesus Blood Never Failed Me Yet*, which Tom Waits recorded and propelled to wider acclaim. He debuted *The Sinking of the Titanic* in empty swimming pools around England instead of concert halls.

This piece of music was picked up in my adulthood where that book left off. It still fills me with speculation and wonder. Sometimes I wish I had never seen the Cameron film because I had my own movie in my head for years. I used my imagination to comprehend how people's last moments played out that night. And, I didn't have any science to back

up the million theories as to why the crew didn't see the iceberg (apparently the latest theory is that the tides were high that night and brought down far more ice into the boat's path than expected). Then there is the Celine Dion song: I don't want to even think about it, lest it pop into my head and stay there for days.

All I had at one time was the tragedy and the ice. There is something about the "The Ship Magnificent" as it was originally advertised, sinking to its depths in icy, black waters, bringing down with it the grandness of the age; monarchs in charge throughout the world, servants and the twentieth century still up for grabs.

For many decades the disaster stood as a symbol of inequality, of engineering folly and luxury's excess. What does it mean for the next hundred years – especially in a world with constant economic upheaval, war, terrorism and genocide?

For us kids in our bed fort at the cottage, listening to the water lap against the dock, it instilled in us the poetic in death and the grace that can inhabit when faced with catastrophe. That one illustration of a handful of musicians playing *Nearer, My God, to Thee* while standing a-kilter on the slanted deck, their feet being lapped by freezing water became iconic. The image, perhaps enhanced in our collective imagination over the years, still resonates because it is an artistic representation of an act of acceptance and all that is noble. It isn't a sad image but an inspiring image: that art plays an important role in all circumstances. Its beauty stands the test of time and might possibly make it to a bicentennial, even if the rest of the epic doesn't.

## State of the Arts

**NOTICE:** Hydro One is advising customers of a planned power outage on Sunday, April 15, from 7 am to 11 am in the Municipality of Dysart et al. Over 1,400 customers will be affected.



# Highlander arts



Gordie Tentrees and Sarah Macdougall entertained audiences at The Wild Moose Pub as part of their *Songs from the Yukon* Ontario tour. Photo by Erin Lynch.

## Gordie Tentrees kicks off tour at Wild Moose

By Erin Lynch

Gordie Tentrees and Sarah Macdougall delighted audiences with melodic tunes and edgy foot-stomping ballads at The Wild Moose pub on Saturday, April 7.

The double-bill concert featured an assortment of instruments including an accordion, a melodica, a 1954 wood-bodied Dobro guitar and Tentrees’s signature harmonica.

Haliburton was the kick-off location for an Ontario tour entitled *Songs from the Yukon*. Both artists currently reside in the great north and their songs were filled with images of howling wolves, permafrost and rugged wilderness.

Tentrees is no stranger to the Highlands. Raised in the county, he continues to make Haliburton a destination whenever he is on tour in Ontario.

## Dusk Dances returns to Head Lake Park

Submitted by Amy Brohm

Haliburton’s Head Lake Park will once again be transformed into a magical stage when Dusk Dances returns this summer on July 19-22. And, once again, the remarkable selection of contemporary dance by professional dancers will be complemented by a local youth piece – featuring a local choreographer and dancers.

Julie Barban, off the heels of her successful 2011 piece, *Swan Goose Lake*, has been selected as choreographer to present the youth piece. Entitled *The Four Elements*, the dance will feature local youth performers representing earth, air, fire and water. She is currently in the process of recruiting 16-20 participants. All local youth are encouraged to audition.

This year will mark Barban’s fourth year participating in Dusk Dances.

“These opportunities have been such an amazing experience for myself and the kids involved,” she says. Many memories and bonds have been made. We are such a fortunate community to have this presented here.”

The 2012 Dusk Dances in Haliburton will also feature works from BouchardDanse (A *Flock of Flyers*), Karen Kaeja (*Eugene Walks with Grace*) and the world premiere of *Incandescent*, created by Kate Franklin and Meredith Thompson. Each evening will start with a performance by the eclectic hillbilly jazz duo, The Wolfgang Brothers.

Boys and girls between the ages of 5-18 can audition to become part of the performance by attending a session on Saturday, April 14, at Heritage Ballet Studio in Haliburton. Please call Julie Barban at 705-457-1990 or email [julie.barban@gmail.com](mailto:julie.barban@gmail.com) in advance to book a time. Both experienced dancers and non-dancers are encouraged to audition.

### About Dusk Dances

Dusk Dances is an outdoor dance festival that brings high quality contemporary and traditional dance to public parks. Dusk Dances features an array of choreographic works presented every night at sunset. As dusk descends, a theatrical host leads the audience — which invariably includes children, dog walkers and local residents — to four eclectic dance pieces that unfold in different areas of the park. Choreographers from various backgrounds are commissioned to create a 10-minute piece inspired by the outdoor setting. Audiences are invited on a pay-what-you-can basis to an innovative, site-specific festival, which is not only an artistic event but a social and cultural one as well. Dusk Dances is locally produced by Dusk Dances Haliburton, a part of the Haliburton County Community Co-operative and a licensee of Dusk Dances Inc.

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# Algonquin Highlands

## Clear Lake residents air grievances to Council

By Will Jones

The MNR's proposals to change the legislation governing the Clear Lake Conservation Reserve were slammed by cottagers at the April 5 meeting of Algonquin Highlands Council.

Robert Lee, treasurer of the Clear Lake Cottagers' Association, presented a delegation to council in hopes of getting its support in rallying against the MNR's wish to take ownership of road and shore road allowances; take ownership of lake beds; and restrict the use of motorized vehicles within the reserve.

"Clear Lake is near and dear to our hearts; my family has owned land there for five generations and we love the remoteness of the area," said Lee. "We were pleased when, in 1997, Clear Lake Reserve was created to protect the land and the wildlife. However, the reserve was created with the blessing of the cottagers, provided existing uses were permitted to continue. The government agreed to this and the area was regulated as a conservation area in June 1997. But now, 15 years later, this new Ministry management plan seeks to restrict those uses and in doing so make it difficult to cottage there and actually devalues our properties."

The cottagers' grievances centre on the MNR's wish to transfer ownership of road and shore road allowances from the township to the MNR. This would mean that current access to and from the cottages would be severely restricted and in some cases, would become land-locked.

Access via the shore road allowances is also vital for cottagers to get to boat docks along the shore road allowance via ATV. Lee explained that this is not an ATV trail but access for a single ATV, which is shared by a number of the cottagers and used purely as a means of ferrying items such as propane tanks and building materials to their residences.

"If the new rules are enforced, we will only be able to use the ATV on the portage," said Lee. "But, there are areas at each end of the portage where we currently need to run it to get stuff in and out.

"This ATV is not a luxury, it's a necessity. It has been used in the past to give access to elderly visitors, to assist the fire department and to carry essential supplies for all cottagers."

Additionally, if the MNR takes ownership of the lake beds, cottages on Clear Lake will never be able to link to hydro because the laying of cable across the lake bed would not be permitted. And, under the MNR's plans, the caching of boats

would also not be allowed.

Lee put forward his proposed compromise, stating that it is the Clear lake Cottagers' Association preference that the township not transfer the right to road and shoreline road allowances to the MNR, so ensuring access to cottagers.

Reeve Carol Moffatt said: "We need to have a conversation with the MNR and seek further clarification with regards to various things, as there seems to be gaps in understanding that need to be addressed. You have made excellent points and the MNR has indicated that it is willing to discuss road allowances."

Following questions on various specific points by councillors, the reeve continued, "We have to balance the needs of our taxpayers with that of the conservation reserve."

Clerk Dawn Newhook stated that although the MNR cannot simply take ownership of the road allowances and shore road allowances, the township has to put forward strong reasoning as to why it should retain control of these lands.

Council resolved to take its discussion to the MNR and report back at the next regular meeting, which is within the MNR's 45-day consultation period for the Clear Lake Reserve plan.

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## Load restrictions to come off a month early

By Will Jones

Algonquin Highlands Manager of Operations, Brian Whetstone, told Council that the half-load restriction would come off on April 16 this year, a full month ahead of usual, due to the good weather. "The roads have fared relatively well over winter and the early good weather stands us in good stead for the spring construction and logging traffic," he said.

### Cell phones not an expense item

Councillors at Algonquin Highlands debated whether a portion of their cell phone bills should be paid for by taxpayers. Ward Three councillor Marlene Kyle suggested a stipend be paid; however, the other councillors and the reeve didn't agree, as Kyle could not show how her phone bills had increased as a result of council business.

### Bridge opening at Colebridge Park

The new bridge at Colebridge Family Park in Dorset

will be installed in time for the opening of the park on Saturday, April 21. A barbeque at 11 am will be followed by a ribbon-cutting at 1 pm.

### Council summer meeting dates

Due to staff vacations, Algonquin Highlands Council has decided to hold only one meeting each month during June, July and August. The revised dates will be: Thursday, June 21; Thursday, July 19; and Thursday, August 16, 2012.

### New water pumps for Dorset

Algonquin Highlands Council has approved the tender of ADF Plumbing for the supply and installation of new pumps and a replacement pressure tank for the Dorset Water System. ADF's tender was the lowest at \$6,877 for the pump replacement and \$1,296 for the pressure tank replacement. The costs are within the budgeted figure of \$8,500 (excluding taxes).

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## Dorset mom representing Haliburton County

*The 2012 Bears' Lair  
Entrepreneurial Competition, May 12  
Showplace Performance Centre, Peterborough*

By George Farrell

Up-and-coming entrepreneurs will get the chance of a lifetime on May 12 at the Showplace Performance Centre in Peterborough, where the 2012 edition of the Bear's Lair Entrepreneurial Competition will be taking place.

Created in the style of CBC's *The Dragons' Den*, The Bears' Lair Entrepreneurial Competition provides nascent entrepreneurs with the chance to present their business concepts to a panel of judges. Developed by the Workforce Development Board in Peterborough, the competition was created specifically to encourage entrepreneurship and small business development in the cities of Peterborough and Kawartha Lakes, and the counties of Northumberland, Peterborough and Haliburton.

Finalists from each of the areas, who have survived regional competitions, will compete in the May 12 finale. The winner receives a prize package in cash, business products and services, valued at over \$20,000.

This year's representative for Haliburton County is Sarah Coombs, of Dorset. Coombs, along with husband Greg, daughter Peri 11 and son Evan 9, moved to the area in 2004. They came to the county from Nelson, BC, in order to be closer to family.

Coombs is a former show co-host and news director for radio station *The New FM 105.5* in Huntsville, and her big break came when she covered last year's G8 Summit. She was able to go into the Red Zone at Deerhurst to get interviews. This led to a Radio Television News Director Association Award, and Coombs hasn't looked back since.

Like many people on a roll, Sarah Coombs also has luck on her side — this year she was the only candidate from our region. Calls were made to Gord Evans, the CEO of the Workforce Development Board, and to the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC), to determine why there were no other entrants for the region, but replies were not received as of press time.

This year though, unlike last year, HCDC was not a partner in running the regional event.

While she acknowledges that more entrants would have been preferred, and that HCDC "really helped with my application," Coombs admitted to "feeling very lucky no one else applied."

"I'm seeing the competition as a resource for a small business start-up," Coombs said. "It would be fantastic to win, but to get the opportunity to meet the Tim Horton's marketing man [Ron Buist] and to bounce ideas off him and

get feedback, I feel like I've already won."

Buist, a marketing guru, will be the keynote speaker and a finale judge. He was Tim Hortons's marketing director for 24 years, turning an unknown donut shop into one of Canada's leading franchise organizations and brands.

So what is Coombs's pitch to Buist and the other judges?

Coombs owns a multimedia company called V3 Productions. "A large part of what we do is real estate listing marketing," she said. "Virtual tours are the current trend in real estate listing marketing because they help grab the potential buyer's attention and keep it. If a real estate professional wants a virtual tour of a listing, they call up a virtual tour company who sends out a photographer to take the pictures. But most real estate professionals take their own photos and there's no option locally out there for these agents to get a virtual tour."

"V3 Productions offers this option," Coombs continued. "Our focus is on adding professional narration to the virtual tour. It's the key element to increasing walk-throughs. We make it very easy and cost effective for the real estate professional to get a multimedia listing presentation. All they have to do is send us the photos of their listing, along with a short write-up, and within 24-48 hours we'll send them a link to their listing for them to insert into *Realtor.ca*, *Your Online Agents* or any website they market their listings on, including their own personal website," she said.

For those who would like to attend the Bears' Lair Entrepreneurial Competition finale and see how well Sarah Coombs does in selling her concept to the judges, more information is available at [www.showplace.org](http://www.showplace.org).



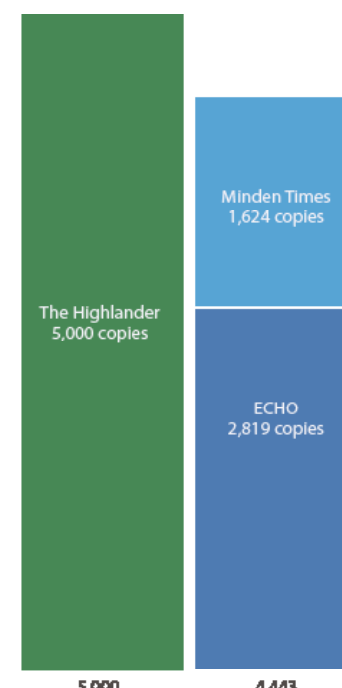
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# Highlander health

## Oral cancer rates on the rise

By Lisa Harrison

Oral cancer rates rose by 225 percent between 1988 and 2004, according to the Canadian Dental Hygienists Association (CDHA), based on information from Health Canada.

The CDHA also reports that the increase can be blamed largely, if not entirely, on HPV (human papilloma virus) infection, and that dental professionals could potentially detect about 84 percent of the number of new oral cancer cases. In all, 75 percent of Canadians will be affected by oral cancer (data from the HPV Toolkit created by The Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada).

Traditionally, the highest risk factors for oral cancer have been long-term use of tobacco and alcohol, so the older the patient, the greater the risk. Additional risk factors include gender (men are at higher risk than women), smoking, alcohol use, cold or flu, medication dependency, dry mouth, illness, use of coffee/tea, poor nutritional habits, stress, diabetes, sun exposure and family history.

Now HPV exposure has been added to the list, and with it a dramatic drop in the low end of the age scale due to the increase in the practice of oral sex among teenagers. The primary focus is now on a strain of the virus called HPV16 that is responsible for the vast majority of cervical cancers and has become the leading cause of oral cancers in the United States, according to The Oral Cancer Foundation.

Registered dental hygienist Carolyn Kinsman-Ludlow is taking all this to heart. On Friday, April 20 from 9 am to 3 pm, Kinsman-Ludlow will offer free oral cancer screenings by appointment as part of national Oral Health Month in April. She has also arranged for Dr. Eric Orpana, a Lindsay oral surgeon, to be on-hand during the screenings at her Minden-area dental hygiene studio, Dear Carolyn, to answer any questions her clients may have.

"I think at one point we thought we had a separate blood supply for our mouth," says Kinsman-Ludlow wryly. "If there's infection in any part of your body, every cell is affected – brain, heart...We do not want any extra stress on our systems, especially as we age."

"In terms of overall health, research has drawn a link related to periodontal disease and heart disease and cancers, and that means your dental health definitely reflects in your overall health," notes Minden dentist Dr. William Kerr. "The thing about oral cancer and all types of cancer is that everybody can get it."

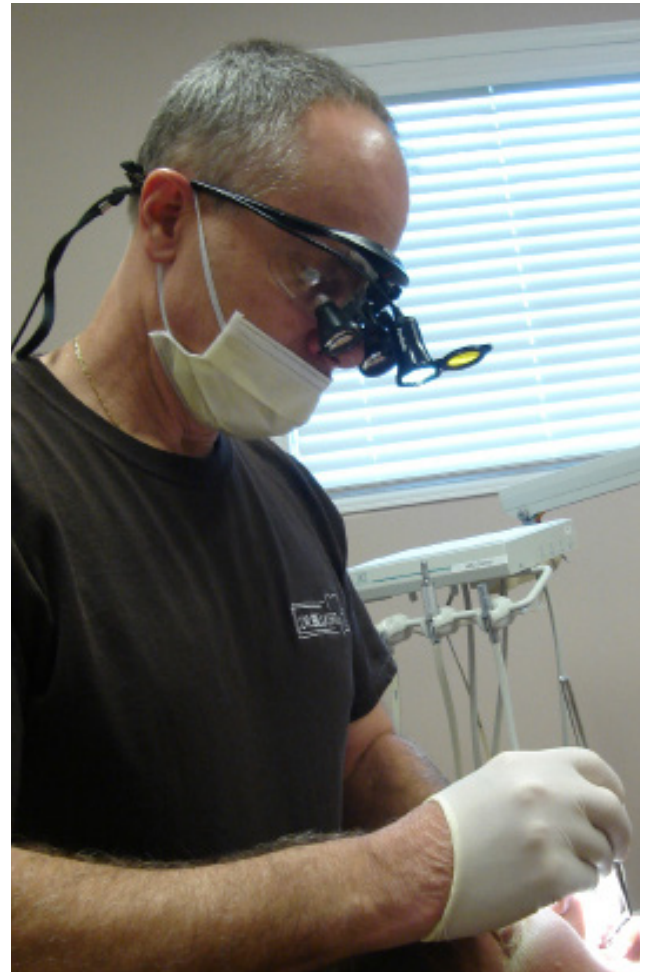
"Oral health has such a huge impact on quality of life, and because of that there should be more cause for concern," says Paul Rosebush, president and CEO of Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

"My role is encouraging people to manage their health. If people adopt good, healthy lifestyle practices, it could help stop some of these things from happening. I have been all across the country, and usually people don't pay as much attention to their mouth as to other parts of the body. It's unfortunate, because people don't associate oral health with overall health."

The problems associated with poor oral health care over the years are particularly apparent in communities such as Haliburton County where the population is generally older, says Rosebush. "There are huge implications for not going to your dental professionals – you could miss obvious problems. As people age, if they've had certain behaviours, they may not realize that it could have an impact on their overall health."

The good news in all of this is that oral cancers are readily treatable if caught early.

"First of all, early detection is the key," says Dr. Kerr. "If people are coming in routinely, [their care] includes an oral cancer screening. If there is some suspicion, we do a follow-up – a sore can be trauma." The patient is asked to return two weeks later, and if the issue is



Above left: Registered dental hygienist Carolyn Kinsman-Ludlow at her dental hygiene studio overlooking Twelve Mile Lake. Above: Minden dentist Dr. William Kerr at the Volunteer Dental Outreach clinic in Haliburton.

resolved, trauma (injury) is confirmed. Otherwise, the next step is a biopsy by a medical professional to determine whether the sore is cancerous.

Routine dental visits have been out of the question for many in the county due to financial strain, but the Volunteer Dental Outreach clinic is now working to fill in that gap, says Dr. Kerr, one of the clinic founders and current volunteer.

A thorough oral screening involves checking the neck, base of the skull, jaw, cheeks, lips, tongue, gums, palates, tonsils and entire throat back as far as the pharynx (the tube-like structure that connects the nasal and oral cavities to the larynx, or voice-box).

Early symptoms that could indicate oral cancer include sores that do not heal within 14 days, red and/or white discolorations in the soft tissues of the mouth and hoarseness for a prolonged period of time.

Advanced indicators include a sensation that something is stuck in your throat, numbness in the oral region, difficulty moving the jaw or tongue, difficulty in swallowing, ear pain on one side only, a sore under a denture that doesn't heal even after the denture has been adjusted, and a lump or thickening that develops in the mouth or on the neck.

Kinsman-Ludlow has already received a few calls from county residents with a history of cancer who wonder if they should come in for an oral cancer screening. She points out that the April screening is only to help detect possible new cancers, and that it is essential that residents with a history of cancer consult with their family doctor and/or current medical specialist directly and immediately if they have any concerns about neck, head or mouth sores.

To make an appointment for a free oral cancer screening with Carolyn Kinsman-Ludlow on April 20 between 9 am and 3 pm call 705-489-3336. Her studio is located at 1103 Red Umbrella Rd. off Hwy. 35 between Minden and Carnarvon, overlooking Twelve Mile Lake.

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# Highlander people

## The Importance of Reading

By Erin Lynch

David Bouchard is a reading activist.

"Everyone should read. It's a basic human right," Bouchard told a captivated audience on April 3rd at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Sharing his love of writing, reading, music and storytelling, the charismatic presenter emphasized the importance of literacy for all people.

"A lot of aboriginals don't know their stories because of residential schools," Bouchard told the group.

The Metis writer has written over 50 children's books in English, French and a number of First Nation languages.

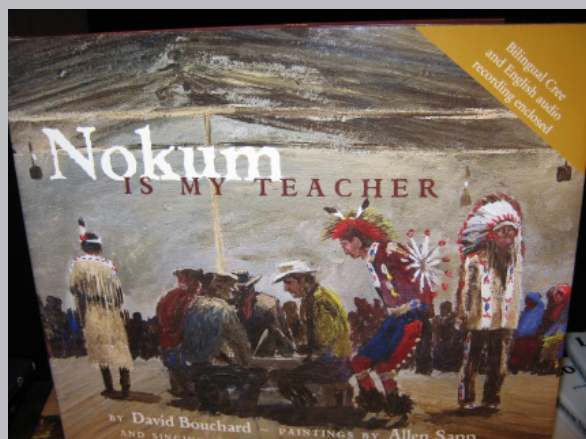
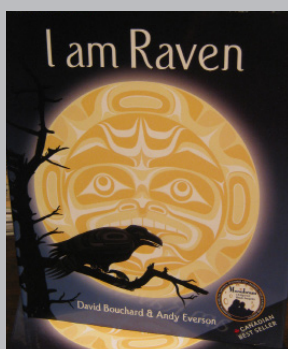
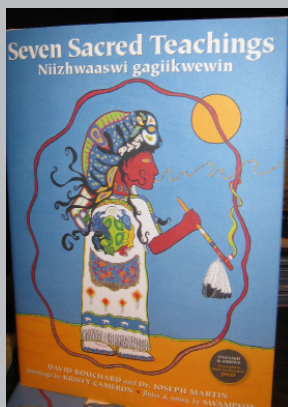
Bouchard says the way to get children to read is to give them the one book that will move them.

There are three things that make a reader says Bouchard. The first thing is time. He embraces the Maria Montessori philosophy that children learn to talk, walk and read at different times. The second is a hero, someone that inspires young people to read. The last is books.

"Surrounding children with an assortment of books gives them the opportunities to discover their own interests in reading," he says.

Through personal anecdotes and a recommended reading list, Bouchard cast an inspiring spell on Highlands residents young and old.

Bouchard's visit was in conjunction with the Aboriginal Education initiative set up by the Trillium District School Board.



Sharon Bacon sits down for a break on SIRCH's outdoor patio. Photo by Mark Arike.

## Two decades as a volunteer

### Sharon Bacon maintains passion for helping others

By Mark Arike

Every corner of the Highlands is full of volunteers who selflessly give of their time, energy and even money. And now that National Volunteer Week is upon us (April 15-21), it would probably be a good time to give special thanks for all that they do.

West Guilford resident Sharon Bacon is one of those deserving individuals, who for the better part of her adult life, has chosen to give back time and again. A resident of the area for over 40 years, Bacon has provided her free-of-charge services to organizations like SIRCH for 20 of those years.

"I started here [at SIRCH] in 1990," said Bacon in a recent interview. "It was known as Parent Support Services at the time."

Bacon spent 21 years of her career working as a Red Cross homemaker until a back injury led her down a different path.

"That's when I started having kids in my home," she said, explaining how she and her husband began to offer overnight respite services for children and their families.

"I bet you that I've had about 150 kids go through my home."

Many of those children either came from broken homes or were physically challenged.

With Bacon's help, parents were able to get a break so they could have some time to themselves.

"It gave a lot of the parents relief, and it was something different for their children," she said, adding that her own kids got along well with whoever stayed over.

Bacon also volunteered to coordinate nutritious meals for SIRCH's CAPC group, and she founded the Community Kitchen program. She still prepares volunteer lunches on Wednesdays and Fridays in the CAPC program.

"I prepare a healthy lunch for moms and their little ones," she said.

"I decided that it's good to help people," she said when asked why she took on so much.

Today, Bacon provides respite care through Point In Time, another not-for-profit organization in the county that offers support for children and families. She also is a volunteer driver for Point In Time and the John Howard Society, taking clients wherever they need to go locally and out-of-town.

When SIRCH celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2009, a book was produced with a full-page article about Bacon. In it she was described as "warm and down-to-earth," someone who "shares her knowledge in a way that makes learning fun."

"She gives so much of herself because she has a love for helping people," the article states.

And for Bacon, all the unpaid effort is well worth the reward.

"It's knowing that you're making somebody happy... It's just so rewarding to know that you're helping out the moms," she smiles.

Bacon is also grateful for all of the relationships she has established with other volunteers and workers.

"Everybody is awesome; I get along well with everybody."

Although she will be turning 61 in September, she doesn't have any plans of giving up her true passion.

"I don't plan on stopping until they plant me in the ground," she said.

Bacon lives with her husband of nearly 40 years. She has three children and three grandchildren.



# Senior highlanders

## Plans to form advocacy group for seniors

Submitted by Aging Well Haliburton County

Anyone interested in the formation of a local Canadian Association of Retired Persons (CARP) chapter is invited to attend a public meeting at the Dysart library on Thursday, April 23 at 4:30 pm.

The purpose of this upcoming meeting is to provide information on the benefits and great advantages of forming this local chapter and to create an interim steering committee, whose sole responsibility would be to arrange for a full-scale public meeting at a later date. At the subsequent meeting a functional executive would be elected to carry on the activities of the chapter.

All existing and future members of CARP would automatically become members of this chapter at no additional cost and would be eligible to sit on the board.

The potential impact of creating this chapter is very exciting, as it would create a great representation of most of the seniors and soon-to-be seniors residing in the county. This group would be seen as a powerful advocacy entity both locally and nationally due to their affiliation with the national CARP organization (for more information visit [www.carp.ca](http://www.carp.ca)).

For further information please contact Bob Stinson at 705-457-3919.



Left to right: VDO members Lisa Kerr, dental assistant Skye Smith and Bill Kerr accept the cheque from Rotarians John Bauman, Kim Emmerson, Gregory Phippen, Lance Edwards and Andrew Hodgson. Photo by Mark Arike.

## Dental outreach receives \$5,000

### Rotary Club of Haliburton makes significant contribution

By Mark Arike

The Rotary Club of Haliburton presented the Volunteer Dental Outreach for Haliburton County (VDO) with a \$5,000 cheque on Thursday, April 5. The funds will be used to cover one month's worth of operating expenses.

Located at 739 Mountain St. in Haliburton, the VDO is a

dental clinic that provides free dental services to Haliburton County residents in need. As of April 5, the VDO's volunteer dentists and hygienists had seen 165 patients and provided \$225,000 in free dental services.

The Haliburton club previously donated \$5,300 to the VDO for the purchase of dental drills.

## Aging Well

## Stuck in a conundrum

Dear Penny,

I'm 61 years old and lost my job more than a year ago. Since then, I've been looking for work without success. I can't seem to find anything in my field and don't know if I should keep looking for work or take an early pension and retire. Is it a bad idea to go back to school and incur student debt at this stage in my life?

Undecided

Dear Undecided,

Your question is an excellent one and very timely for all the baby boomers facing similar circumstances. I am certainly no authority on financial matters, but I do have some experience helping people with career planning as they age. So let me share my thoughts.

By the time we reach our later years, we seem to have lost our skill of "how to think" about changing careers. We know we are close to receiving an "old age" pension. We grew up thinking that 65 was the end of our work life and we believe we should be winding down, that our career is over. In short, our background has not prepared us to think intelligently about career planning at this stage of our lives.

But consider this. We tell our kids to think hard about what they want to do. We give them permission to take a year off and "find" themselves. We know they are entering a new phase of life and suggest they explore a variety of job opportunities so they can discover what fits them best.

We also realize that after young people graduate, they will spend at least 20 years building a career before they hit mid-life. And we suggest they explore carefully and thoughtfully because we believe that for 20 years at least, a career should

be satisfying.

Well, here's the thing. We can no longer think of 65 as "old age" as it was when the Canadian Pension Plan was first initiated. The reality is that at 61, you probably have 20 productive years ahead—and they should be satisfying years.

Twenty years is too long to be retired. So you're going to have to think of yourself like a 20-year-old entering a new phase of life and a new career.

Now back to your question. No, I don't think it's a good idea to incur student debt at this stage of your life. There are many less costly avenues to help you explore opportunities and find satisfying work that pays.

The Ontario government, libraries and community centres offer multiple possibilities, including networking opportunities and free job resources. Google it and find a good list online.

Alternatively, there are excellent career companies that cost a little but offer a lot.

For example, Challenge Factory uses a unique blend of formal assessments, online tools, professional career coaching and "test drive" experiences to help people of all ages zero in on a career that fits. Amazingly, 45 percent of their clients are over 50 and 25 percent are over 60.

According to Lisa Taylor of Challenge Factory, "Most of the jobs in the top 10 list didn't even exist a decade ago. Older clients need to talk with people who can help them identify transferable skills that can be applied to work that's available today. It could turn out to be their dream job."



By Penny Brown

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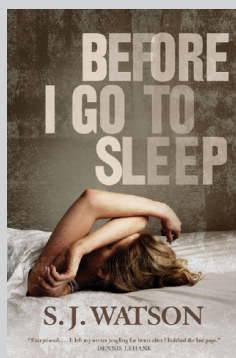
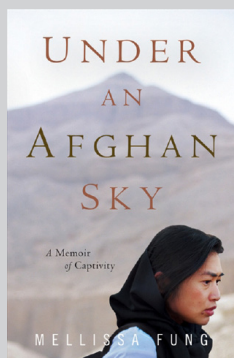
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# Highlander community

## Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are the top 5 fiction and non-fiction titles as requested at the Haliburton County Public Library for the week of April 16 – 22.



### HCPL's TOP 5 FICTION

1. *Guilty Wives* by James Patterson
2. *Down the Darkest Road* by Tami Hoag
3. *Calico Joe* by John Grisham
4. *Death Comes To Pemberley* by PD James
5. *11/22/63* by Stephen King

### HCPL's TOP 5 NON-FICTION

1. *Steve Jobs* by Walter Isaacson
2. *Under An Afghan Sky* by Melissa Fung 🇨🇦
3. *Something Fierce* by Carmen Aguirre 🇨🇦
4. *The Wealthy Barber Returns* by David Chilton 🇨🇦
5. *From This Moment On* by Shania Twain 🇨🇦

Redemption and family are two common themes in John Grisham's novels, and we certainly have both in *Calico Joe*, new to the HCPL top fiction list. Paul Tracey, son of a mediocre Mets player named Warren Tracey, adores baseball and worships Joe Castle, an American baseball hero. This, of course, angers his jealous father. When a horrific injury takes Joe permanently out of his baseball career, the world is in an uproar and aims its fury at Warren, the pitcher who injured him. For the next 30 years, Paul thinks about the accident, believing it was caused deliberately by his now estranged father. When he hears that his father is dying, however, Paul feels he must reach out. This prompts his journey to help bring peace between his father and Joe, before it is too late. You can reserve this new novel in regular print, large print or talking book formats at your library.

### Library News

Yoga at the Dysart branch continues! Lynda Shadbolt will be running a "Chair Yoga" class each Wednesday in April from noon to 1pm – great for people with limited mobility and for those who simply want to get in a good stretch during their lunch hour. Entrance is by donation to the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library. For more information visit: [http://www.haliburtonyoga.com/haliburtonyoga/Library\\_Yoga.html](http://www.haliburtonyoga.com/haliburtonyoga/Library_Yoga.html)

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HHHSF Executive Director Dale Walker, Chair Peter Oyler and Office Manager, Carole Simmons show off Sebastian. Photo by Mark Arike.

## A bear hug for health care

By Mark Arike

The newest bear in the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation's (HHHSF) collection is now available.

Standing at 21 inches tall, Sebastian is the HHHSF's biggest bear to date. The fuzzy friend is the foundation's sixteenth bear in the collection.

"He is definitely a Haliburton Highlands black bear," said Dale Walker, executive director of the HHHSF, in a press

release.

A new bear is produced annually, with profits from sales going to fund priority medical equipment and technology for hospitals and health care facilities in the Highlands. Since the campaign began, over \$78,000 has been raised.

Sebastian is available for only \$20. For a full list of locations of where he's available or to sell him at your business, contact the HHHSF office at 705-457-1580.

## Good Food Box promotes healthy eating

By Mark Arike

Volunteers who are helping Haliburton County residents eat healthier were the ones being fed at an April 3 appreciation breakfast at McKecks restaurant.

The group of Good Food Box volunteers, many of whom are Lions members, attended the event to celebrate the results of their efforts.

"We have about 50 volunteers," said Haliburton Lions member Mary Lawr.

Volunteers with the program include packers, drivers and community supporters.

For the cost of \$15 per box, residents across Haliburton County receive a box of eight healthy items. (A typical box consists of potatoes, carrots, onions and vegetables.) Recipes and cooking tips are also provided.

The program was launched by the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPR), but was taken over by the Haliburton Lions club in December of 2010.

"Anyone can buy a box," said Lawr, adding that \$1 from every purchase goes back into running the program.

To purchase a Good Food Box or to inquire about volunteering, contact Mary Lawr at 705-448-1128.



Left to right: Lions members James Lawr, Tina Hadley, Mary Lawr and HKPR health food worker Megan Stong (far right). Photo by Mark Arike.



# Highlander technology

## The Computer Guy Beware of online risks

By Dave Spaxman

In the 23 years I've worked on computers in the Haliburton and Minden areas, I've seen the internet go from dial-up to the DSL high-speed we have now. With more and more people getting high speed, the frequency of viruses, spyware and security risks has increased immensely.

The most common one lately is the phone call from "Microsoft" or any company name that sounds like technical support. Criminals pretend to be PC security experts or support technicians from legitimate companies. They tell the intended victim that there is a potential security risk or that they are aware of a problem with the computer and would like remote access to fix it. If the victims take the bait, the scammers are then able to steal certain private information. In some cases, the victims provide credit card details, believing they are paying for legitimate software.

The amount of money stolen per person has ranged from \$82 up to \$1,560, while the cost of fixing the subsequent damage to the PC is \$1,730 on average and as high as \$4,800.

"The security of software is improving all the time, but at the same time we are seeing cybercriminals increasingly turn to tactics of deception to trick people, in order to steal from them," Richard Saunders, Director of

International Public and Analyst Relations at Microsoft, said in a statement. "Criminals have proved once again that their ability to innovate new scams is matched by their ruthless pursuit of our money."

To protect you from such scams, follow this advice; we've all heard it before but it's worth repeating:

Be suspicious of unsolicited calls related to security or technical problems.

Never provide credit card details or other information to an unsolicited caller.

Don't go to a website, install software or follow other instructions from someone who calls you.

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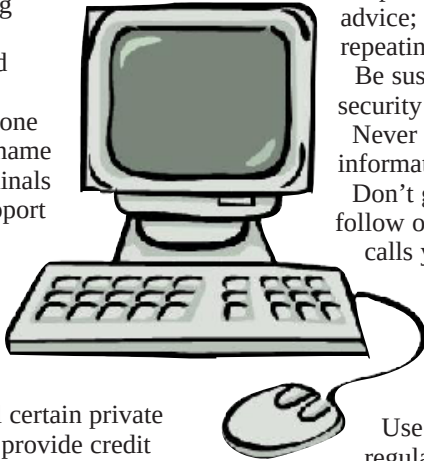
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## HDA dancers win big

Submitted by Terri Matthews

Haliburton Dance Arts (HDA) competitive team competed this March in the Terpsichore Dance Celebration in Guelph and Dance Starz in Barrie. The 40-member team came away with high marks in all divisions and a number of overalls, including:

- Quinn Schell – highest overall solo 13+ (Dance Starz)
- Shay Hutchings – highest overall solo 13+ (Terpsichore)
- Britney Bain – highest overall junior solo (Terpsichore)
- Dawson Hutchings – highest overall junior solo (Dance Starz)
- Shay Hutchings and Quinn Schell – highest overall senior duet
- Britney Bain and Macey Miscio – highest overall junior duet
- Highest overall large jazz group
- Highest overall small jazz group
- Highest overall intermediate lyrical group

Congratulations to all of the dancers on a job well done!

Don't miss fantastic routines from all of the HDA dancers at the annual recital on May 25 and 26 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Tickets are available at the Photo Shop in Haliburton or by calling 705-754-0007.

## Badminton players pull off great results

Submitted by Judi Paul

The senior badminton team had a great day at the Kawartha Qualifying tournament held at Crestwood Secondary School on Tuesday, April 3.

Results are as follows:

- 1st Place – Darcy Schmidt (men's singles)
- 1st Place – Andrew Murray and Brett Yake (men's doubles)
- 1st Place – Jaimie Dack and Bin Chun (mixed doubles)
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The junior Badminton team travelled to Fenelon Falls on Thursday, April 5, where quality competition made for some very close matches. Qualifying for next week's Kawartha tournament were:

- 1st boy's singles – Tom Paul
- 2nd boy's doubles – Nick Thompson and Stan Riley
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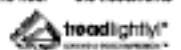


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# Highlander events

Calendar will return next week.

## Hike to help hospice in Haliburton

### SIRCH aims to meet or exceed \$18,000 target

By Lisa Harrison

Hiking shoes, high school, Head Lake Trail, Rhubarb, The Shout Sisters and a worthy community cause – connect the dots and you’ve got the 8th annual SIRCH Hike for Hospice Palliative Care on Saturday, April 28.

The event kicks off at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School rain or shine with registration at 10:15 am followed by the hike start at 11 am. Hikers can choose either the one-kilometre school track route or the five-kilometre Head Lake Trail route. A memorial walk will be held prior to the hike – one lap around the school track in memory of past hospice patients and those who have used the hospice program. A poker run is also available.

Haliburton hike chair Dale Bull says organizers are promoting this year’s hike as a team event, encouraging local businesses and associations to come out in teams of 10 in honour of the national hike’s 10th anniversary.

“It’s a great team builder for your group,” she adds. Teams can be smaller than 10 in size and individuals are always welcome.

After completing the hike, participants can enjoy music by local singers The Shout Sisters and a picnic prepared by local restaurant Rhubarb. Awards will be given to individuals and teams with the highest pledge amounts.

According to Bull, the Haliburton hike annually draws from 90 to 100 hikers, and 100 percent of the funds raised stay in the community. Last year’s hikers raised \$18,000 for the program and organizers are hoping to match or exceed that amount.

Haliburton’s Hospice Palliative Care program began in 1994 and is operated as a program of SIRCH [Supportive Initiative for Residents in the County of Haliburton] Community Services. SIRCH is a not-for-profit organization that has been in the Highlands since 1989.

Hospice trains volunteers and oversees support to people with life-threatening illnesses in their homes or at the new palliative care room at Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS).

Hospice volunteers for the hospital’s palliative care room provide support for a few minutes, a few hours, even overnight, according to Marilyn Rydberg, manager of hospice services.

She says the need for volunteers has been different for every patient in-room, from those who have enough family support that they require only a few hours to those who have no family at all and require more.

“So far, we’ve had only really good positive feedback,” says Rydberg. “Staff at the hospital really like that there’s someone there to advocate for the client. Families are finding it very supportive as well – we talk with them and help them talk [with health care providers].”

Hospice provides 30 hours of basic training for new volunteers each fall and an additional 10-12 hours of enhanced training to the HHHS palliative care team for the hospital setting. Special targeted courses and seminars are made available to volunteers throughout the year.

Additional services provided by Hospice, which are less well-known, include ongoing support for caregivers after their loved one’s death, and bereavement assessments.

“After the [ill] person dies, the family is left with, ‘OK – now I have to cope with this all by myself,’” says Rydberg, adding that this is not the case. Hospice will continue to provide support to the family members for up to a year, making every effort to provide the same volunteers. Hospice will also do a bereavement assessment and link families with additional support services in the community.



Hospice manager Marilyn Rydberg and volunteer Bev Hunter post a flyer for Hike for Hospice at the West Guilford Shopping Centre. Photo by Lisa Harrison.

As a former social worker, former caregiver and current hospice volunteer, Bev Hunter knows first-hand how effective hospice services can be.

“When someone in our families is at the end of their life, often this happens over a number of months,” Hunter notes. “It takes tremendous energy to be the caregiver, even if you have the help of family and friends. To have another person – a trained volunteer – to help is invaluable, someone who’s comfortable with people with health challenges and with the stress of potentially losing a loved one, and they’re comfortable talking about death. It’s very helpful.”

Hospice volunteers can “come and stay with your loved one so you can do errands or go to the gym or just take a nap,” says Hunter. They also help link family members with additional health care and support professionals, including counsellors and anyone else who may be needed to support both the patient and the caregivers. “The hospice volunteer is ready to go the full distance with you.”

Going to the gym may be the last thing on a caregiver’s to-do list at such a time, but maintaining one’s own health is critical, says Hunter.

“The risk for caregivers developing health problems is very high. The VON (Victorian Order of Nurses) have done a lot of research in this area. It’s a tremendous strain, and caregivers are at risk of developing severe health problems themselves.”

Hospice volunteers become even more valuable in relieving the caregiver, not only of the time and effort required to care for the loved one, but also of guilt over taking the time to take necessary care of their own health.

Hunter encourages people to contact the Hospice Palliative Care program immediately upon learning that a loved one may be facing the end of life.

“I think people think they need to wait until the end, but in actuality, getting started earlier is really worthwhile – getting to know us before people are so stressed... Sooner is better.

“We’re actually really fun people!”

To participate in the Hike for Hospice: Download your pledge form from the SIRCH website [www.sirch.on.ca](http://www.sirch.on.ca) using the News/Events tab and bring your completed pledge form to Haliburton Highlands Secondary School,

5358 County Road 21, at 10:15 a.m. on hike day, Saturday, April 28.

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For more information on the Hospice Palliative Care program or to volunteer, contact SIRCH by emailing [info@sirch.on.ca](mailto:info@sirch.on.ca) or by calling 705-457-1742 or 888-405-5555 (toll free).

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Kingscot Haliburton Silver Lake Trout swim at the Fish Hatchery. The Kingscot is a preglacial species exclusively raised and released in Haliburton. A total of 3,054 are heading to Percy Lake. Photo by Walter Griffin.

## Fish hatchery releases April report

Submitted by Rex Henry, HHOA Chairman

April is a busy month for the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association's (HHOA) fish hatchery volunteers.

As of April 4, 400,000 Walleye eggs from the Drag River in Haliburton were placed into incubation at the hatchery (one large 10lb female walleye will lay approximately 200,000 eggs). The HHOA collected eggs from five Walleye and fertilized these with about a dozen males. The HHOA will keep 60,000 fry in their Walleye pond and all remaining fry not needed for immediate production will be returned back to

the Drag River.

The strategy for walleye is to produce huge numbers of eggs because the natural mortality of eggs and fry in their first year, in the wild, may be higher than 90 percent.

For now, while those Walleye eggs are incubating, hatchery volunteers have released approximately 8,000 lake trout into a dozen area lakes. These fish have been raised at the hatchery from eggs collected in October of 2010, and have now grown to an average of 6-7 inches long in 18 months.

On April 10, 3,000 Kingscot Silver Lake Trout were placed into transport tanks for stocking in Percy Lake. The hatchery

has been stocking Percy Lake with this strain since 2002, with a total of over 25,000 fish. The hatchery will be stocking 11 other area lakes with lake trout this year.

Seven other area lakes will be stocked by the hatchery with some of the 16,000 Rainbow Trout that they have been raising since last fall. There are approximately 40 volunteers taking care of the daily feeding, cleaning, egg collection, stocking and maintenance duties at the Haliburton Fish Hatchery.

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Submitted by Elisha Barlow

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Winners receive a specially designed award by renowned artist Mary Anne Barkhouse, Nimpkish Band, Kwakiutl First Nation and member of the Land Trust’s board of directors.

An Enviro-Hero is an individual, business or organization who has made a contribution to the protection and sustainability of our natural resources and environment through education, stewardship, healthy living, “green” business or the arts in Haliburton County.

Every year, a distinguished panel of judges selects the winners in each of six categories. The Land Trust thanks its 2012 judging panel for their generous donation of time: Barb Bolin, founding principal of the Haliburton Campus of Fleming College; Reeve of Algonquin Highlands, Carol Moffatt; and Dianne Mathes, vice-chair of the HHLT.

Nominations can be made in the following categories:

- Health — a person or organization whose environmental activities promote, exemplify or result in health lifestyles;
- Stewardship — a person, landowner or organization that has provided leadership in conserving and protecting our water, forests, flora, fauna or mineral resources;
- Education — a person or organization that has effectively organized and delivered environmental education opportunities for children, youth or adults;
- Business — a business or non-profit organization that has excelled in developing “green” business practices or providing “green” products/services that protect the environment;
- The Arts — an artist who has produced a body of work that celebrates our natural environment; and
- Youth — a student or students up to 18 years of age who have demonstrated a commitment to the protection and sustainability of our natural resources and environment through education, stewardship, healthy living or the arts.

Nominations close on Friday May 4. To obtain a nomination form or for more information call the HHLT at 705-457-3700; email [admin@haliburtonlandtrust.ca](mailto:admin@haliburtonlandtrust.ca); or visit [www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca](http://www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca).



### Easter fun

Joanna Coles of the Dysart library leads children in a game of Egg, Egg, Chicken on Saturday, April 7. A similar event was held at the Minden library branch. Left to Right: Briar O'Doherty, Hannah O'Doherty, Joanna Coles, James Bradbury, Avery Kelly. Photo by Douglas Pugh.

## Bridge dedicated to local fallen officers

From OPP files

Three local bridges have been earmarked to be memorials to three fallen Haliburton Highlands OPP officers who were killed in the line of duty.

Bridge dedications are intended to posthumously recognize police officers who have courageously and unselfishly given their lives in the line of duty.

In accordance with the Highway Memorials for Fallen Police Officers Act, 2002, this policy allows for the dedication of bridges and other structures on provincial highways in memory of police officers.

Detective Sgt. Lorne Chapitis and Corporal James Smith

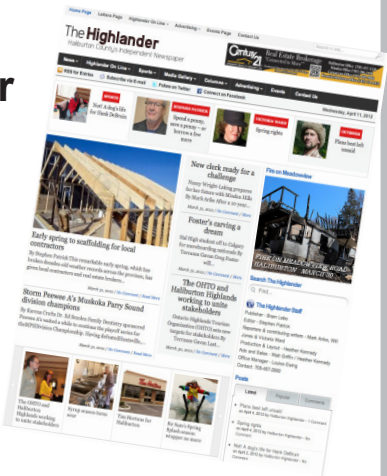
were killed when responding to assist Minden officers with a mentally ill man on South Lake Road on December 11, 1968. The bridges honouring these two officers are located on Hwy #35, at Moore’s Falls.

The third officer, Provincial Constable Eric Nystedt, was killed when he and his partner responded to the report of a domestic dispute outside of Kinmount on July 3, 1993. The bridge honouring Nystedt is located on Hwy 35, just north of Minden.

The dedication ceremonies will take place on April 26 at 1:30 pm at the Minden Community Centre. Motorists may notice the previously installed signs, which will remain covered until after the ceremony.

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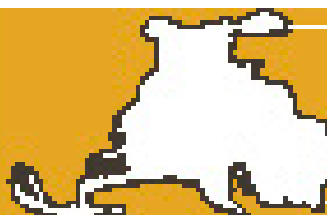
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